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ANTI-TURKISH ACTIVITY IN SYRIA

ANTI-TURKISH MANIFESTO IN SYRIA -- Istanbul, Vatan, 12 Jan 53

Antakya, 11 January (Turkish News Agency) -- On 29 November 1952, the anniversary of the separation of Hatay Province from Syria, Syrian university students stayed away from classes as a silent protest and later published a secret manifesto, which was distributed to the people. The Aleppo newspaper az-Zaman has now published the text of this manifesto.

The manifesto states that 29 November is a day of mourning for the Arab world, not only because of the loss of Hatay on that day but also because of the UN Palestine partition decision on 29 November 1947. It declares that the duty of the Arabs is to assure themselves the realization of their ideals and that the Arabs must realize that they must reclaim by force their lost rights and lands.

ANTI-TURKISH MOVEMENT IN SYRIA -- Istanbul, Vatan, 17 Jan 53

Damascus, 16 January (Ankara Agency) -- Syrian newspapers have recently been publishing the program of the Arab Liberation Party, which was founded by Adip Shishakli and which has begun activities in Syria. The chief points in this program are as follows: (a) all Arabs constitute a single nation; (b) every person believing in Arabism will be considered an Arab; and (c) the Arab homeland begins at the Toros Mountains in the north and extends to the Sahara Desert in the south.

The party aims at developing a strong Arab nationalism, even at the cost of disputes with neighboring countries and even if it implies following a policy of domination on the basis of this nationalism. Syria has already enacted a new law which provides for Arabization of present Turkish and Kurdish names of cities, towns, villages, cinemas, and coffeehouses within the borders of Syria. The law provides stiff penalties for owners of establishments who fail to heed the law.

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